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Dear Professor Isard:

I have just returned from a trip to find your invitation to the Peace Research Conference in November. I apologize for the delay in answering. Your tentative list of papers looks most interesting, and I shall plan to attend the conference.

Although I applaud your intention to stimulate "high quality research," I would fear that at this stage of the discussion of arms control matters, the exclusion of theoretical or conceptual papers and the emphasis on empirical, quantitative findings might buy rigor at the cost of relevance. In other words, I am skeptical that very much genuinely empirical work has yet been done that can plausibly claim to be cogent to the major policy problems relating to arms control. But I shall be delighted if the conference should prove me wrong. And the papers you list do promise to be of intrinsic interest.

I enclose a check for \$1.00, so that I can be on your mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

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